



Complete Summary

TITLE

Diagnosis and treatment of chest pain and acute coronary syndrome (ACS): percentage of patients with chest pain symptoms having stress tests with the Duke score present.

SOURCE(S)

Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI). Diagnosis and treatment of chest pain and acute coronary syndrome (ACS). Bloomington (MN): Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI); 2004 Nov. 79 p. [144 references]

Brief Abstract

DESCRIPTION

This measure assesses the percentage of patients with chest pain symptoms having stress tests with the Duke score present.

RATIONALE

The priority aim addressed by this measure is to improve the diagnostic value of stress tests through their appropriate use in patients with chest pain symptoms.

PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Chest pain; stress test; Duke score

DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

Total number of stress tests reviewed for patients with a diagnosis of chest pain

NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

Number of treadmill reports with the Duke score on the report as it is received

Evidence Supporting the Measure

PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Process

SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Not applicable

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE MEASURE

A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical evidence

NATIONAL GUIDELINE CLEARINGHOUSE LINK

- [Diagnosis and treatment of chest pain and acute coronary syndrome \(ACS\).](#)

Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Unspecified

State of Use of the Measure

STATE OF USE

Current routine use

CURRENT USE

Internal quality improvement

Application of Measure in its Current Use

CARE SETTING

Physician Group Practices/Clinics

PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE

Physicians

LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED

Group Clinical Practices

TARGET POPULATION AGE

Age greater than 18 years

TARGET POPULATION GENDER

Either male or female

STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

Unspecified

ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

BURDEN OF ILLNESS

Unspecified

UTILIZATION

Unspecified

COSTS

Unspecified

Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories

IOM CARE NEED

Getting Better

IOM DOMAIN

Effectiveness
Timeliness

Data Collection for the Measure

CASE FINDING

Users of care only

DESCRIPTION OF CASE FINDING

Patients with a diagnosis of chest pain who receive a stress test. This measure would be pertinent to medical groups with direct control over the process that produces its treadmill stress tests.

Identify patients who have a diagnosis of chest pain. Medical records can then be reviewed and the treadmill stress test report examined. A minimum sample of 15 randomly selected test reports should be reviewed to determine if the Duke treadmill rating score is contained in the report.

It is suggested that data is collected monthly.

DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME

Patients associated with provider

DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT

Clinical Condition
Diagnostic Evaluation
Encounter

DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions
Total number of stress tests reviewed for patients with a diagnosis of chest pain

Exclusions
Unspecified

NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions
Number of treadmill reports with the Duke score on the report as it is received

Exclusions
Unspecified

DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW

Time window is a single point in time

NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW

Encounter or point in time

DATA SOURCE

Administrative data
Medical record

LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY

Individual Case

PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED

Unspecified

Computation of the Measure

SCORING

Rate

INTERPRETATION OF SCORE

Better quality is associated with a higher score

ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Unspecified

STANDARD OF COMPARISON

Internal time comparison

Evaluation of Measure Properties

EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING

Unspecified

Identifying Information

ORIGINAL TITLE

Percentage of patients with chest pain symptoms having stress tests with the Duke score present.

MEASURE COLLECTION

[Diagnosis and Treatment of Chest Pain and Acute Coronary Syndrome \(ACS\) Measures](#)

DEVELOPER

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ADAPTATION

Measure was not adapted from another source.

RELEASE DATE

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MEASURE STATUS

This is the current release of the measure.

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MEASURE AVAILABILITY

The individual measure, "Percentage of patients with chest pain symptoms having stress tests with the Duke score present," is published in "Health Care Guideline: Diagnosis and Treatment of Chest Pain and Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS)." This document is available from the [Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement \(ICSI\) Web site](#).

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